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APRIL 11, 1977 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE

MADRAS 0617

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, EGEN, IN

SUBJECT: ASAMERA OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MANNAR

REF: MADRAS 0483, 0498

1. ASAMERA HAS LEASED GLOMAR III FROM GLOBAL MARINE INCC.
TO REPLACE GLOMAR IV WHICH WAS DAMAGED BY A SEVERE ENGINE
ROOM FIRE. ON APRIL 5, GLOMAR III LEFT THE RED SEA, WHERE
IT HAD BEEN DRILLING FROM AMOCO, AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE
AT THE SITE BY APRIL 22. EXPLORATORY DRILLING IS TO BEGIN
A FEW DAYS LATER. ALTHOUGH GLOMAR IS SELF-PROPELLED, IT IS
BEING ASSISTED BY A TUG AND IS TRAVELING AT 12 KNOTS. STORES
AND EQUIPMENT ARE BEING SENT FROM SINGAPORE ON A TOWED
BARGE WHICH WILL MEET GLOMAR AT THE SITE.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ASAMERA WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE
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OFF-SHORE COMPANY REGARDING THE LEASE OF ONE OF THEIR NEW
LARGE DISCOVERER CLASS SHIPS WHICH WAS THOUGHT TO BE
MORE SUITABLE SINCE THE DRILLING, REQUIRING AN ESTIMATED 67
DAYS, WILL NOW CONTINUE INTO THE MONSOON SASON. HOWEVER,
IT TURNS OUT THAT THE DRILLING MECHANISM ON THE DISCOVERER
SHIPS CANNOT BE USED IN WATER LESS THAN 80 FEET DEEP WITHOUT
EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION. THE WATER DEPTH AT THE DRILLING

SITE IS ABOUT 65 FEET. SIGNED MCCASKILL
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